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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Future At Stake

JAPAN'S political future becomes at stake in ten days' time. For the second time since the signing of the peace treaty with the Western allied powers, the country will go to the polls to elect a government, and the result may have far-reaching effects. The incident which appeared to lead directly to the downfall of the Yoshida Government last month—the use of an uncouth word in the Diet by the Premier—seemed so inconsequential as to create the impression that Yoshida was seeking any opportunity for a showdown with his political rivals. In fact, the fall of the Yoshida government stemmed directly from the growing economic problems confronting Japan. "Personalism," "nationalism," and intra-party feuds undoubtedly played a part in the toppling of the Yoshida Cabinet. Yet the underlying reason for the Premier's defeat in the Diet was economic—the growing fear of 80 million Japanese that the loss of mainland China as a market and source of raw material will eventually reduce them to a starvation diet, or make them indefinitely dependent on their conquerors. The ingenuity, energy and ambition of the Japanese people won them an empire within a generation. But like self-made men who have achieved spectacular success too rapidly, they became over-confident and over-ambitious. Yet despite the failure of their military challenge to the forces of the democracies, they have not lost the desire to regain self-respect. They want to be self-supporting, but to do so they must, eventually, have two-way trade with China to replace the imports and exports they lost in Manchuria and pre-war dependencies.

In January of last year Yoshida made the grave mistake, from the Japanese point of view, of coming out flat-footedly in favour of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government. One reason may have been to help hasten the United States Senate's ratification of the Japanese peace treaty. But the Japanese press denounced him savagely. He was accused of "shameless subservience" to the United States; his statement was called a "declaration of war against the Mao government." Yoshida's personal feud with Ichiro Hatoyama, founder of the Liberal Party, his refusal to step down (as promised) as soon as the latter was eligible for Premiership, and finally Yoshida's breach of Parliamentary etiquette (when he accused an Opposition member of being a "stupid idiot") were merely steps leading to the inevitable climax foreseen by many observers a year ago. Yoshida's ability to rewin public confidence at the elections on April 19 is doubtful. Tokyo's political prophets predict victory for the Hatoyama faction—a coalition with Mamoru Shigemitsu, leader of the Progressive Party, would make it almost a certainty. Yoshida is essentially a middle-of-the-roader. His compliance with American policy, jeered at by the Communists and radicals, seems to have been more than a case of "Hobson's choice." Yoshida's philosophy is temperate and reasonable. He has been a nationalist, but not a fanatical one. And unless the Left-wing element gain unexpected strength (because of adverse economic conditions) Yoshida's views should continue to prevail in principle, even if the Hatoyama faction wins the election.

London Underground Railway Disaster

6 KNOWN DEAD: 20 OTHERS TRAPPED

London, Apr. 8. Two crowded electric trains crashed in the blackness of the East London underground Tube on Wednesday night at the height of the supper-time home-bound rush. Unofficial estimates said as many as 25 persons may have been killed. The officially known dead was placed at six persons hours afterward as wreckage-cutting rescue work continued through the night by torchlight. Many of the hundreds of passengers aboard were injured and removed to hospitals. The rescuers reported 20 or more were known to be trapped in the wreckage, dead or alive. They used acetylene torches to cut through the twisted steel piled up in the dark.

Increase In Japanese Exports To HK Likely

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Apr. 8. Japanese exports to British Colonies should receive a considerable boost as a result of the relaxation of import restrictions recently agreed between the British Treasury and the Japanese Government.

I understand the British Government is recommending to colonial governments to increase their imports from Japan to 20 per cent above the level of the second half of last year.

It will be left to the colonial governments to decide which goods will benefit by this relaxation of the restrictions.

Complete figures for colonial imports from Japan during the last six months of 1952 are not available. During the first half of the year, however, the value of these imports was about £50 million to £55 million. Despite the restrictions imposed early in the year this level appears to have been well maintained in the second half of the year. The present relaxation of import controls should, therefore, add another £10 million to the Japanese export earnings from this source in the last six months of this year.

BEST MARKETS

Enquiries made in London show that Malaya and Hongkong continue to be Japan's best markets in the British Colonies.

During the second half of last year Malaya imports from Japan were worth £10 million while Hongkong imported over £15 million of Japanese goods. The relaxation of the import restrictions will therefore mean an increase of £2 million and £3 million, respectively, in these Colonies' imports from Japan during their next licensing period.

Other large importers from Japan in the last six months of 1952 were the British East and West African territories. Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika together took over £8 million worth of Japanese goods, and Nigerian imports from Japan amounted to £5 million. By far the largest single group of commodities imported by British colonial territories from Japan are cotton and other textile goods. These will probably account for most of the increase in trade.

A packed train bound for Epping, a residential suburb 20 miles outside London, ploughed into another train running along the same Central Line to Hainault as they swung around an S-bend into the tunnel near Stratford Station.

The driver of the Epping train, J. S. Besley of Debden, was the first identified among the dead.

Stratford Station, scene of Wednesday night's collision, is in East London, a district of docks, factories, and workers' homes. The subway line swings into the S-bend in going underground into the tunnel, making vision difficult.

Some early reports said a third train was involved. A statement by the government-controlled London Transport System mentioned only two trains being involved.

A rescued passenger had told of a third train near the scene, and one report said it just nudged into the wreckage before being toppled.

Rescuers were hampered by the twisted metal in getting to some of the passengers. Some were led out to safety after hours underground. The London Transport System issued its first statement at 11 p.m. listing six passengers dead, three seriously hurt and 20 trapped.

Scores were treated for injuries at the scene and nearby hospitals. A rescue worker told reporters on emerging from the tunnel:

"The heat down there was terrific. Doctors and nurses are almost collapsing."

There were many stories of personal heroism, one passenger said he had spent two hours supporting a man who had been hemmed up against the roof of this wreck coach.—Associated Press.

Cairo Trials To Start

Cairo, Apr. 8. Ex-King Farouk of Egypt may be on trial in a series of trials opening "very soon" under the new anti-graft law, Professor Mohammed Foad Galal, Minister of National Guidance, said today.

Leading politicians accused of corruption in political, social and economic spheres under the old regime will face the graft court, he said. They will have no appeal.

Professor Galal said the court of four officers and three legal counsellors had been set up by the Prime Minister, General Mohammed Naguib, to "cleanse the political life of Egypt."

He described the court as "a political court trying political crimes and delivering political judgments." Penalties could include loss of Egyptian nationality, loss of political rights, loss of civil rights, a ban on holding public posts and confiscation of wealth if it was proved to have been acquired through abuse of power.—Reuters.

Trygve Lie's Successor



The Shah-Mossadegh Struggle

New Revelations

Teheran, Apr. 8. The struggle between Premier Mohammed Mossadegh and the Royal Court resulted today in the revelation by the Shah that he was once requested to leave the country by three pro-Mossadegh deputies.

This disclosure came in a communique read by the Court Minister, Hussein Ali, as the Shah's answer to broadcast charges against the Court voiced by Dr. Mossadegh on Monday.

The communique had, apparently, been corrected and modified by the Shah before it was read.

It said that the Shah's decision to leave the country—which provoked loyal demonstrations in Teheran—was not taken on his own initiative but after the visit of the three deputies. They told the Shah that if he quit the country its anxieties and troubles would disappear, the communique declared.

The communique said that Dr. Mossadegh's charge that the Army was not obeying his commands was untrue as the Army had supported him fully since nationalisation and had played its part in the taking over of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The communique added that the Shah had even asked his mother and sister to leave the country so that Dr. Mossadegh's mind would be at rest. The Shah had unwaveringly supported Dr. Mossadegh, even refusing to grant audiences to members of the opposition. Meanwhile, it was said that Mossadegh might resign if the Majlis does not pass the report of the eight-man Committee which has been studying the Shah's constitutional status.—United Press.

US JET ACE IS MISSING

Swan City, Iowa, April 8. The parents of Captain Harold E. Fischer Jr., double jet ace in Korea, received a telegram from the Air Force on Wednesday saying their 19-year-old son was missing in action. Harold Fischer was missing on April 7 but had no details. "We'd appreciate any word you get," the father told a newspaper who talked with him. Associated Press.

Here is the latest picture, just arrived in Hongkong by air, of Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, former Swedish Deputy Foreign Minister, who has been elected to, and accepted, the office of Secretary-General of the United Nations in succession to Mr. Trygve Lie.—Associated Press Photo.

POWs May Be Exchanged In Indo-China

Paris, Apr. 8.

A French spokesman tonight admitted the possibility that an exchange of prisoners might take place in Indo-China along the same lines as in Korea.

The Foreign Ministry official did not indicate that any negotiations had opened to hasten a prisoner of war exchange.

He commented, however, that such an exchange in the bitter seven-year Indo-China war would be easier than in Korea because of the lack of fixed World War I style battle lines in Korea.

The spokesman was asked at a news conference whether he envisaged an offer to exchange prisoners along Korean lines.

"It is possible such an occurrence might take place," he replied. He pointed out that the Communist Vietnamese had liberated wounded prisoners "several times already," although this had no connection with the current relaxation of East-West tensions.

He remarked: also that the "biggest victory" won by French negotiators in the recent Washington talks was the winning of United States support for the Indo-China conflict widened.

Asked what Franco's position was on the present limited Korean prisoner exchange, he said it was primarily a responsibility of the United States. "I do not think France will intervene," he said.—United Press.

Five More Mau Mau Slain

Nairobi, Apr. 8. Five Mau Mau terrorists, including a branch treasurer and chairman, were killed today by a patrol of troops, aided by Kikuyu home guards. The patrol also found a Mau Mau bank account totalling over £100 attached to a "list of subscribers" and under the name of a private subscriber.—United Press.

Soviet Amendment On Disarmament Rejected By Assembly

United Nations, Apr. 8. The General Assembly today rejected a Soviet amendment on disarmament, which the United States said would "turn the clock back." As a consequence Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, voted against the majority when the Assembly approved by 52 to 5 with three abstentions a resolution asking the Disarmament Commission to continue its studies along lines laid down by the West.

Mr. Vyshinsky had announced to the General Assembly that the Soviet Union was willing to go "half way" in an effort to reach agreement on the question of disarmament. He proposed two amendments to a resolution recommended by the Assembly's Political Committee. Britain and the United States accepted one of them, but said they could not accept the second.

The second amendment proposed the deletion of the reaffirmation of the General Assembly's resolution of January 11, 1952—the basic resolution which established the Disarmament Commission and defined its efforts.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb of Britain said that to accept the second would give the impression that United Nations principles on disarmament were "being undermined or abandoned."

Mr. Ernest Gross, for the United States, said that the second Soviet amendment "would simply turn back the clock."

"It would scuttle or threaten to scuttle the important work of the Disarmament Commission," he added.

The Assembly had accepted without a vote the first Soviet amendment, which was to delete from the resolution commendation of the Disarmament Commission for its past efforts.

33 TO 10

The second Soviet amendment was defeated by 33 to 10 with 13 abstentions.

The resolution as a whole was voted in parts at the request of Mr. Vyshinsky.

On the vote as a whole, the Soviet group alone opposed it, while Burma, Argentina and China abstained.

Mr. Vyshinsky told the Assembly that in an effort to reach agreement, the Soviet delegation would not press its own resolution already defeated in the Political Committee, which had demanded that disarmament discussions should be on Soviet terms, namely a one-third reduction in the arms of the great powers and unconditional prohibition of the atom bomb.

The Political Committee's resolution proposed that the United Nations Disarmament Commission should continue its studies on a broad plan of work outlined by the West.

The Soviet amendment requested two comparatively minor changes but accepted the bulk of the resolution, including the suggested plan of work.

Mr. Vyshinsky said he was prepared to vote in favour of the proposed resolution "provided, of course, the amendments submitted by the Soviet delegation find acceptance in the Assembly."

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Sir Gladwyn Jebb pointed out that the amendments "faithfully" reflected the position taken by the Soviet Union in the Political Committee.

While Britain was willing to accept the first amendment, the second amendment was different, the British delegate said. "That would have the effect of defeating the reaffirmation of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly last year, and this is something that my delegation could not see its way to accept."

"We know that the Soviet Union do not agree with all the principles and these differences of view are something we shall have to try to reconcile in the Disarmament Commission when it meets," said Sir Gladwyn.

Mr. Ernest Gross, giving the United States reaction to Mr. Vyshinsky's amendments, said they had to conclude that adoption of those amendments would weaken the prospects of disarmament.

On the first amendment to delete commendation for the Disarmament Commission, the United States did not consider it a matter which would warrant drawing an issue.

"With regard to the second amendment," Mr. Gross said, "we shall vote against it."

TURNING CLOCK BACK

This proposed the deletion of the reaffirmation of the General Assembly resolution of January 11, 1952. This is the basic resolution which established the Disarmament Commission and defined its efforts. It was

adopted after thorough discussion and was reaffirmed by the Political Committee this year. "The Soviet amendment would simply turn the clock back. It would scuttle or threaten to scuttle the important work of the Disarmament Commission."

Mr. Gross said the Soviet delegate had made clear that this was his intention and Mr. Vyshinsky had reaffirmed that today.

"The Soviet representative in the Political Committee attacked the 1952 resolution in rather more pointed terms than was done this morning but the meaning does not change," added Mr. Gross.

"The 1952 resolution of the General Assembly constitutes the United Nations mandate and guidance to the Disarmament Commission and it is, therefore, a basic document. We are dealing not simply with a title, a mere name or style of the General Assembly resolution, but with the very terms of reference of the Disarmament Commission itself."

"It is a question whether we should carry forward the accumulated wisdom slowly and painfully accumulated over the past years, or whether we should wipe the slate clean and start all over again. That is a high price to pay for an unknown outcome," Mr. Gross said.

POINTS REJECTED

The 1952 resolution provided that there should be progressive disclosure on a continuing basis of all armed forces and armaments and that they must be subject to effective international inspection to ensure accuracy. Both these points had been rejected by the Soviet delegation, Mr. Gross said.

"The United States Government welcomes any signs that the new Soviet leadership is interested in a solution for the many problems which confront us including disarmament," added Mr. Gross. "However, we see no 'substance' but the shadow of agreement."

Mr. Krishna Menon, of India, said his country would support the Soviet amendments, but would vote for the resolution as a whole—with or without the Soviet amendments.

The Soviet amendments "because we want the work of the Commission to continue," Sir Percy Spender, Australia, said that to agree to the second Soviet amendment would be to throw away the specific principles laid down by the General Assembly in Paris "as

principles upon which the Commission could operate."

"The Soviet Union say they have made tremendous concessions in this debate," he did not share this view.

Spending a second time in reply to observations made on his amendments, Mr. Vyshinsky said the question was "a momentous one, one, indeed, which is so important as to make it desirable to eliminate difficulties, fears, misgivings or mistrusts which are never of good counsel in matters of such great moment."

Rumanian Premier Reported "Seriously Ill"

Belgrade, Apr. 8. Yugopress, the semi-official Yugoslav news agency, said today that the Rumanian Prime Minister, Mr. Chiriac, had fallen seriously ill.

Yugopress, quoting reports reaching here from Bucharest, said Mr. Dej did not attend the official reception at the Hungarian Embassy in Bucharest for the Hungarian national holiday last week.

It said he had never failed to do so in previous years.—Reuter.

He said that Mr. Gross objected to the second Soviet amendment on the ground that it was essential to retain a formula which reaffirmed the previous resolution, but it was not at all necessary to reaffirm resolutions.

"I do not think his argument convincing," said Mr. Vyshinsky.

NOT LINKED

"The matters are not linked," added Mr. Vyshinsky. "There is no necessary connection. All we are trying to do is to get the Disarmament Commission to continue its work in accordance with the principles set out in A, B, and C."

The previous Assembly resolution did not have to be followed in every line, commented Mr. Vyshinsky.

"Do you think the Disarmament Commission cannot deem it advisable to modify its stand in connection with new positions, situations and relationships which may arise in life, and which are arising before us?"

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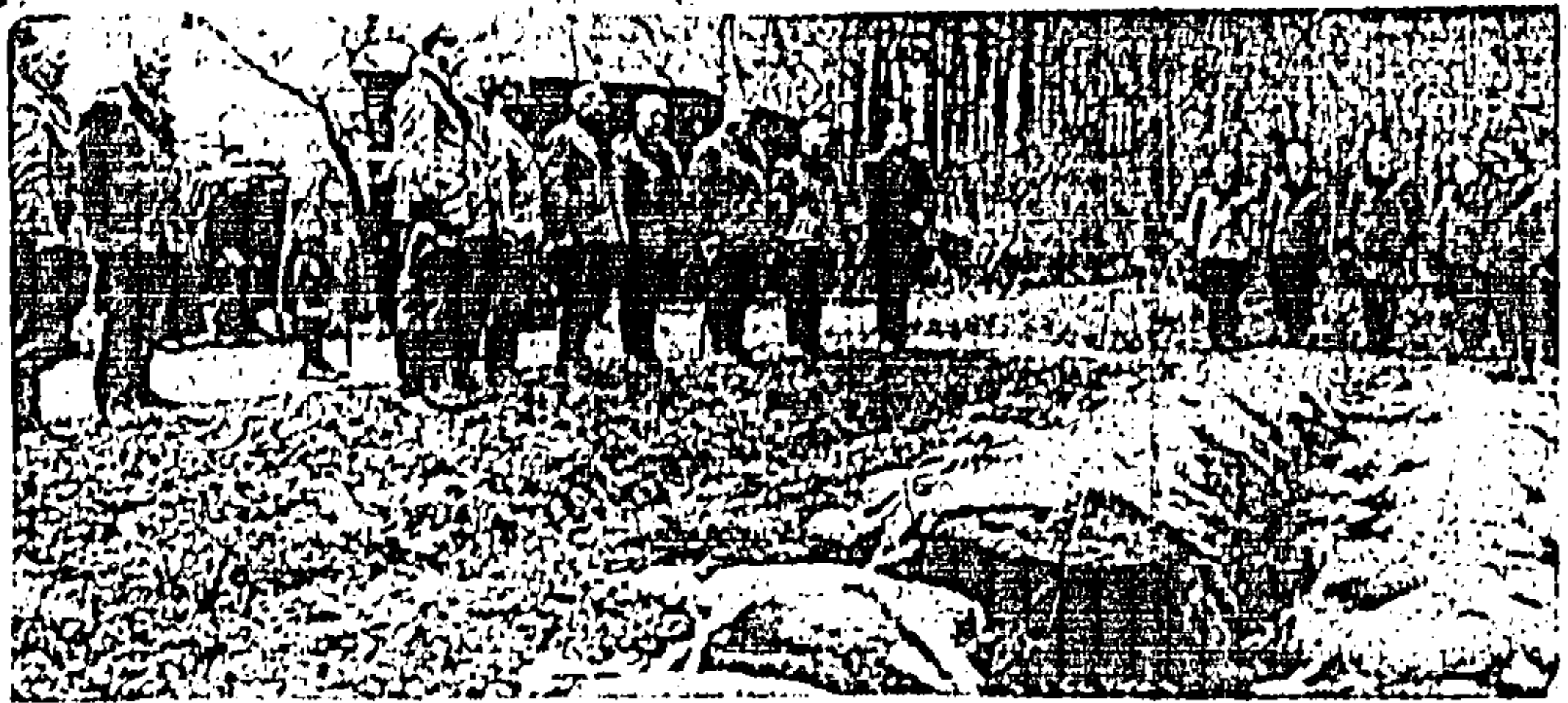
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King Frederik of Denmark (fourth from left) attends the parade at the end of a Royal hunting party at Graasten, south Jutland. The Royal Party had lunch at the little "Fisherman's Den" and the hunt, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., produced a good bag in the form of 21 rabbits, 30 deer, two pheasants and four snipe. The King's share of the kill was six deer and six rabbits.—Express Photo.

SWISS TO ATTEMPT DHAULAGIRI

New Delhi, Apr. 8. The Swiss Himalayan expedition left here tonight for Nepal to try to climb an unconquered 29,795-foot Himalayan mountain, Dhaulagiri.

No expedition has yet climbed a mountain as high as Dhaulagiri—fifth highest in the world. But Mr. Raymond Lambert and the Sherpa, Tensing, of the Swiss Everest expedition last year reached a point 28,215 feet up on the world's highest peak.

The Swiss expedition will approach Dhaulagiri from the unexplored western side, through unmappped country north of Nubra.

If the Swiss reach the top, they will have climbed the highest mountain ever conquered by man. It is three hundred feet higher than the Annapurna (26,492 feet) which a French expedition climbed in 1950.

The French had earlier made two unsuccessful attempts on Dhaulagiri, from the north and east sides.—Reuter.

LATEST KOREA CASUALTIES

Washington, Apr. 8. The Defense Department today reported 1,030 additional battle casualties in Korea, the largest weekly rise since November 12.

It was a reflection of the recent bitter battles for western front hilltops that raised the total of Americans killed, wounded and missing to 132,907.—Reuter.

Rebuff For Reds

United Nations, Apr. 8. The General Assembly today rejected by 40 votes five with 14 abstentions a Czechoslovakian resolution seeking to condemn alleged interference by the United States in the internal affairs of Soviet-associated countries.—Reuter.

Revival Of U.S. Confidence In Sterling

AMERICAN HOLDINGS BEING BUILT UP

London, Apr. 8. United States holdings of sterling balances rose from £19,000,000 last June to £34,000,000 at the end of 1952, the Treasury disclosed today.

During the previous run on sterling they had fallen from £79,000,000 at the end of 1950.

Their build-up in the second half of last year reflected a revival of confidence in sterling, since "American account sterling" can be converted into dollars whenever the American holds wish.

Latin America is virtually cleaned out of sterling. Its sterling balances fell from £37,000,000 at the end of 1951 to a mere £6,000,000 at the end of 1952.

Sterling balances held by other non-sterling countries fell throughout 1952. At the end of the year they totalled £714,000,000.

British colonies continued to amass sterling. Their sterling balances have soared from

£550,000,000 in 1949 to £907,000,000 at the end of 1951 and £1,065,000,000 at the end of 1952.

Sterling area countries other than the colonies are by far the biggest holders of sterling. Their balances fell from £21,825,000,000 at the end of 1951 to £1,531,000,000 in June and recovered to £1,603,000,000 at the end of 1952.

BALANCE IMPROVES

The upshot of all these movements was that Britain's total liabilities on sterling balances fell from £3,807,000,000 at the end of 1951 to £2,397,000,000 in June and increased to £2,422,000,000 in December. After a big fall by £410,000,000 in the first half of 1952 they rose by £225,000,000 in the second half.

Today's Treasury White Paper on the balance of payments contained some other new figures.

Including defence aid, Britain's current balance with the dollar area improved by £204,000,000 between 1951 and 1952. Between the first and second halves of 1952 there was an improvement of £124,000,000 in the balance with the dollar area.

A senior Treasury official said that, barring some violent change in world markets, Britain could see her way at least for some months ahead.

HUGE FUND

If the current peace moves extended the decline in commodity prices, Britain's own trading position would improve since she is a big importer of commodities.

The effect on Britain and the sterling areas' export earnings would remain to be seen.

The big sterling balances amassed by the colonies during the boom in their commodity exports would stand them in good stead during any slump.

In effect, the colonies have amassed a stabilisation fund of well over £1,000,000,000.—Reuter.

Not Making Progress

Cairo, Apr. 8. The Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, Professor Foad Galal, said today that no progress had been made in talks on the British evacuation of the Canal Zone.

"We Egyptians feel that we are being oppressed and that all offers made to substitute the present occupation by occupation in another form are doomed to failure," he said.

"There are 20,000,000 Egyptians unanimous in their disapproval of British or any other troops holding the Canal base. This feeling would necessarily have an effect on all Arab peoples and would extend to all Moslem peoples. Hatred must not be allowed to grow."

Delay was not in the interest of Britain or Egypt, he said, or any country or group of countries interested in stability and security in the Middle East.—Reuter.

ENGAGEMENT RUMOURS

Cairo, Apr. 8. The mother of 21-year-old Egyptian Princess Dina Abdul Hameed would not confirm or deny today reports that the Princess' engagement to Jordan's King Hussein would be announced after his coronation on May 2.

Other relatives of the family said: "We do not know anything, whether they will be engaged or not."

The Princess was not available for comment.—Associated Press.

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Lovett Testifies On Shortage Of Ammunition

Washington, Apr. 8. The former Defence Secretary, Mr. Robert Lovett, today said that efforts to remedy Korean ammunition shortages were "definitely unsatisfactory" in some respects.

But Mr. Lovett told Senators that there was more allied ammunition in Korea in December, 1952, than in all of Europe 24 days after the D-Day landings in Normandy in 1944.

Mr. Lovett was testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee which is investigating ammunition shortages in Korea.

Mr. Lovett emphasised two points in what he called a "rather bewildering mass of information" presented to the Sub-Committee. In the first place, he said, the Korean outbreak found ammunition only "one of a number of desperate shortages." Manpower was the worst.

In the second place, he said, the "magnitude" of accomplishment in supplying Korean troops was evidenced by the fact that supplies in Korea in December, 1952, were "in many cases two to three times as much" as on June 30, 1944, in Europe.

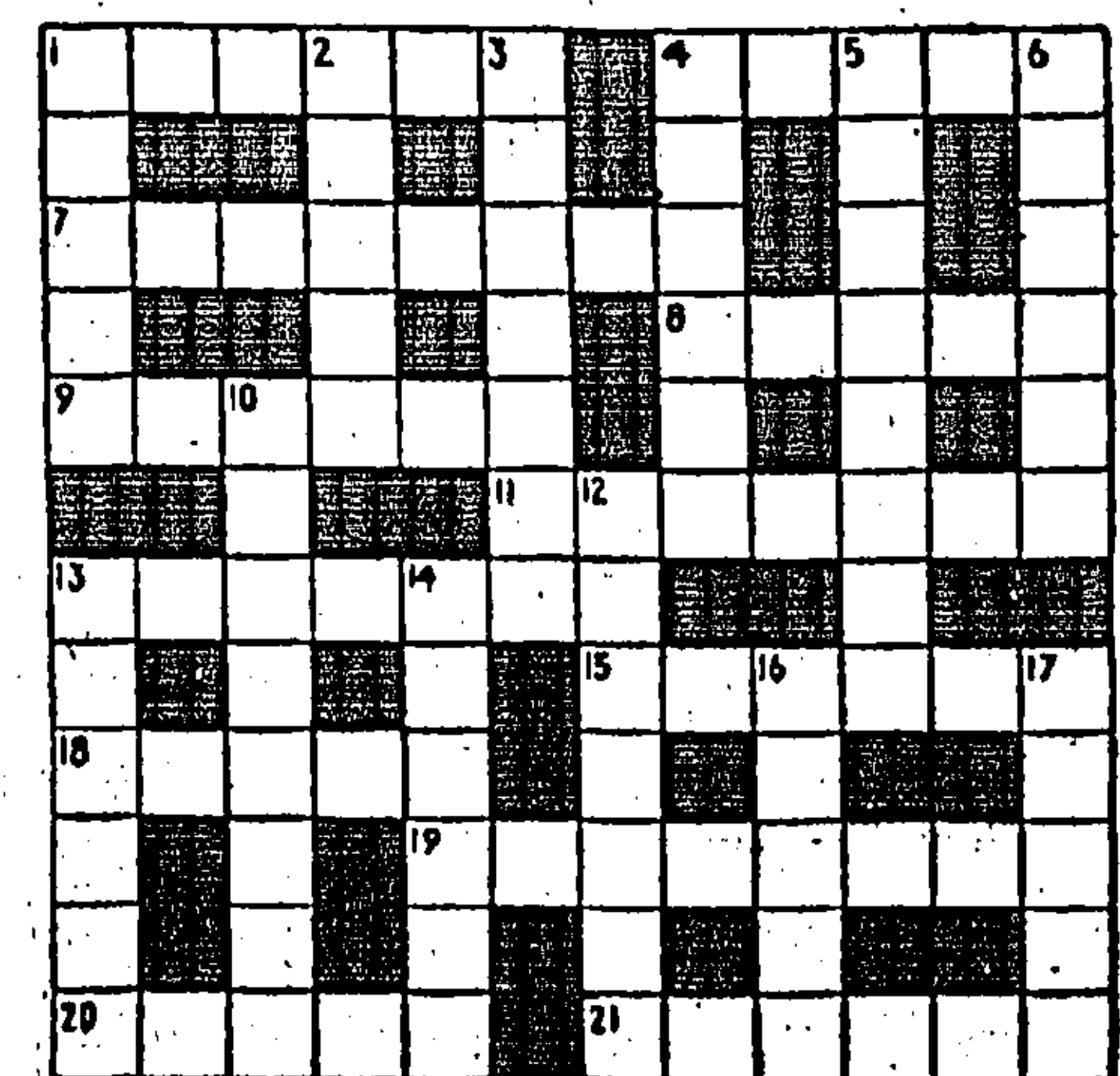
Meanwhile, informed sources said that the Defence Department has produced secret records to show that General James Van Fleet actually advised against a major attack in June 1951, in Korea when he said he was "crying" to his superiors "to turn me loose."

Russian Cruiser For Spithead

London, Apr. 8. A Soviet cruiser will come to Britain to salute Queen Elizabeth at a Coronation naval review on June 15 the Admiralty announced tonight.

The Russian Navy is sending the cruiser Sverdlov to the Spithead review where the Queen will sail down a seven-mile line of ships from the Royal Navy and foreign navies.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Agree (6).
4 Origins (6).
7 Lately (6).
8 Foolish (5).
9 Wanness (6).
11 Vital element (7).
13 Eat away (7).
15 Chief (6).
16 Punctuation mark (6).
19 Impure (6).
20 Bird (5).
21 Tired (6).

DOWN

1 Clutch (6).
2 Animal (5).
3 Went to bed (7).
4 A bone of forearm (6).
5 Got (6).
6 Plan (6).
10 Minor nobleman (8).
12 Chooses (7).
13 Cluck (6).
14 Elaborately adorned (6).
15 Similar (6).
17 Out of practice (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Rote, 4 Realise, 6 Rued, 9 Dye, 10 Mingle, 11 Gilt, 12 Menu, 14 Torture, 17 Inure, 18 Rase, 22 Dressed, 26 Sir, 27 Tort, 28 Aviator, 29 Egg, 30 Rump, 31 Defects, 32 Need, Down: 2 Oxygen, 3 Ardour, 4 Remit, 5 Editor, 8 Light, 7 Swear, 12 Mind, 13 Nude, 16 Unit, 10 Ever, 18 Helot, 20 Astern, 21 Single, 23 Roves, 24 Abyss, 25 Dares.

Trygve Lie's Successor Takes Off

Stockholm, Apr. 8. Sweden's Dag Hammarskjöld took off by air for New York today to take over the job of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

When at Stockholm airport Premier Tage Erlander asked him how he felt, Hammarskjöld replied with a cheery grin: "I am not quite crushed yet."

Reporters and cameramen milled around him as diplomats and cabinet ministers rushed up to shake his hand. Among them were Foreign Minister Olof Uggla, U.S. Ambassador W. Walton Butterworth, Italian Ambassador Marcello Del Drago, and Canadian Minister Wilfrid D. Matthews.

On the outskirts of the crowd hovered Hammarskjöld's elder brother, Sten, who thrust a brown-paper parcel into Dag's hand.

"It contains a painting I did in Denmark last summer," he explained.—Associated Press.

French Produce Something New In Missiles

Paris, Apr. 8. A French-made inter-ceptor guided missile has followed an imaginary fighter plane in all its evolutions at a speed of 18,800 k.p.h. in a horizontal flight during a test, the Air Ministry announced here today.

The test took place in North Africa "recently" and the Air Ministry said that it was the first time that such a performance was achieved in France, pointing out that there was a big difference between sending a guided missile from the ground towards a plane in almost straight flight and having it perform complicated evolutions in a level flight to reach an eventual attacker.

The communiqué said that the missile, Model "Matra M.O.-4", is built with a metallic spindle 400 centimetres (15 feet) long and 40 centimetres (19 inches) in diameter.—United Press.

Air Talks Proving Strenuous

Berlin, Apr. 8. Western delegates to the four-power air talks here spent today recovering from the effects of Soviet hospitality and Soviet working hours.

The talks began at 8 p.m. last night and did not break up till nearly 4 a.m. today. They were held at the Soviet Control Commission headquarters in East Berlin.

"The date of the next meeting has not yet been fixed," a United States official told Reuter.

"Russian hospitality is as strong now as it ever was and our men have to recover and plough through quite a bit of paper work before resuming the talks."

A communiqué issued after the talks said the Soviet chief delegate, Lieutenant-General D. Podgorny, submitted proposals to prevent incidents in flights in the air corridors across East German territory between West Berlin and West Germany. It gave no details.

Allied officials said the talks were conducted in a "frank and factual" atmosphere.

The communiqué said the talks would be continued at American headquarters in West Berlin on a date to be fixed by agreement. It was thought that the Americans would suggest Friday.—Reuter.

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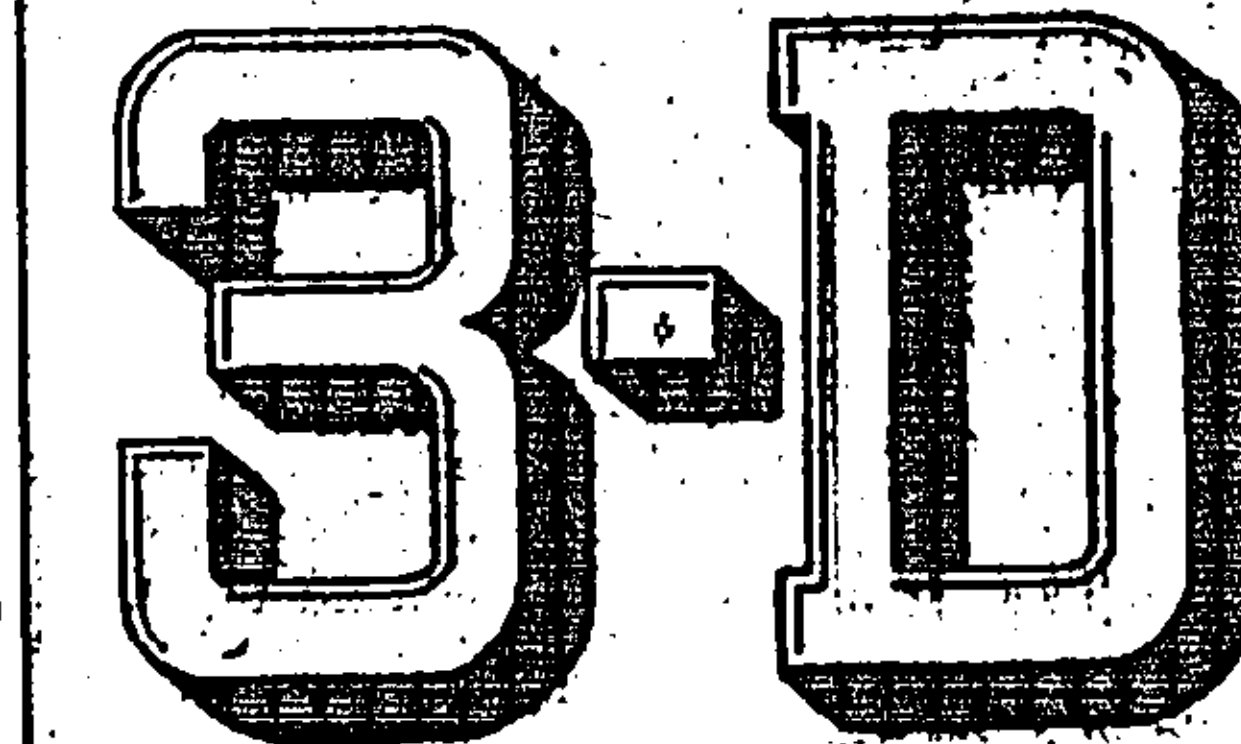


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DON IDDON'S DIARY A Lady Speaks Up For The British

New York, Tuesday. TODAY, two weeks after the death of Queen Mary, the tributes still continue here. Americans mourn Queen Mary almost as their own.

There have been many lines for a great lady, many eulogies of the most queenly of Queens. I have only one criticism of the American reports of Queen Mary's passing. For some reason many tributes contained references to the "shrunk", poverty-stricken Empire.

Even my friend Robert Ruark wrote: "Queen Mary saw the British Empire at its peak of magnificence, and saw it fade into state, impoverished desperation." Other writers talked of "the declining, harried Commonwealth."

I don't think Queen Mary in her last days and years thought of the British Empire and Commonwealth in such terms. There is no "shrunk, impoverished desperation" that I know of.

A fifth of the globe can hardly be described as "shrunk", or the booming Dominions as "poverty-stricken."

I am glad Nancy Lady Astor is here to speak up for the British and prick the bubble of this rubbish. Lady Astor proclaims that Britain has never been greater and the Commonwealth more loyal.

She is quite unperturbed by the typhoon she has stirred up by saying: "Too bad it isn't poison" when she saw Senator Joseph McCarthy slipping a drink at a Washington reception.

To the attack

THE New York Daily News told her vulgarly to "shut her trap, get home to England, and never come back."

Instead, Lady Astor, following up her attack on McCarthy, has calmly posed for photographers plunging a knife into a cake at a luncheon, and saying for the sake of the Press: "Let's pretend it's McCarthy."

There is some talk of legal proceedings against Lady Astor, but I am sure they will come to nothing. The Attorney-General has been urged that she be gaoled on charges of "incitement to commit a felony." What idly!

McCarthy had this coming to him for a long, long time, and in any battle between the lady and the Senator the lady will win hands down.

Of course, Lady Astor is an extraordinarily aggressive person. When I talked to her the other day she started off by saying: "You'll get everything all wrong—newspapers always do. Never get a thing right, you people!"

Monty's banter

FIELD-MARSHAL Montgomery, another visitor, has also been speaking out, but only on the least controversial subjects. The Field-Marshal has been and is being the American Press by his rather commanding banter.

I boarded the Queen Mary to see Viscount Montgomery and Andrei Vishinsky. Mr. Vishinsky refused to see newspapermen and ignored written questions.

Field-Marshal Montgomery gallantly presided over a Press conference, and when he was asked some forceful questions on the European and world situation he blithely said: "I'm here to see a baseball match. I want to talk about baseball. I also want to see a drug store. I'm told the only thing you can't buy in a drug store is drugs."

A reporter, replying placidly to this worn joke, said: "Field-Marshal, you expressed the same desire to see a drug store on your last visit here in 1949."

Montgomery, treating the newspapermen as if they were a group of school children, said he still wanted to see a drug store, as he missed one last time.

Not a very impressive performance by our leading general.

The Field-Marshal has arrived at a time when his friend Mr. Eisenhower is being told by some of his most ardent supporters (notably the Henry

Luce publications) that he is "running like a dry creek" again.

Why did Eisenhower endure the humiliation of his appointment of Charles Bohlen as Ambassador to Russia being held up week after week, ask the critics.

Policy dictator?

MR BOHLEN has now been confirmed by 74 Senate votes to 13, but the scars of the fight between Senator McCarthy (that man again) and the Administration are visible and painful.

McCarthy, the desperado, not satisfied with being the supercilious and grand inquisitor, apparently sees himself as the dictator of American foreign policy.

McCarthy also wants to introduce the lie-detector test for "everyone he doesn't like, which seems to be almost everybody."

Fortunately, President George Shuster, of Hunter College, has stepped forward and suggested that McCarthy himself be investigated. I nominate Lady Astor for the board of investigation.

Easter parade

THE Spring season promises a bel-up in the non-stop McCarthy rampage. New York City is dressed up, and so are the girls.

Bonnetts are flowered, veiled, sequined, sashed. Daisies deck the crowds; there are straws decorated with reds and Parma violets shaped into profile helmets.

The shops are full of Easter eggs, rabbits, elves, and goblins, but something has happened to the eggs and the rabbits. The atomic age has come even to Easter, and some stores are featuring huge cardboard eggs containing a super-sonic space-gun and Roy Rogers's signal siren.

The circus comes to town tomorrow, when Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey's greatest show on earth opens at Madison Square Garden. A pity the Garden is not bigger. New York is badly in need of spacious halls such as Olympia, and has no outside stadium comparable to Wembley or White City.

The only play this week is "Horse in Mid-stream," opening on Thursday with Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Lili Darvas, and Diana Lynn.

A star objects

TWENTIETH Century-Fox has been rebuked by James Mason, now in Europe, for giving him star billing in "Desert Rat." He wants his name on the posters in small letters. This is something new for an actor.

The "Salome" opening caused quite a tumult, although the

film, with Rita Hayworth and Stewart Granger, is hardly a classic. It's bound to make a lot of money.

A. S. Freer, chairman of Heinemann's, the publishers, sends me a book I recommend, "American Into English" by G. V. Carey. It will aid Anglo-American relations and in-laws too.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Just you try doing one of Comrade Malenkov with sufficient photographic realism and see what you get!"

His Garden Is A Diamond Mine

By Donald McCormick

TUCKED away in the financial news columns this week is the information that diamond exports from Tanganyika totalled \$4,606,930 during the past year. The year before only \$88,952 worth of the precious stones were sent abroad from the British protectorate.

Almost overnight untold prospects have come to Tanganyika—and all because of the six miles long 'pipe' of diamonds which lies beneath

the 'garden' of a 45-year-old Canadian prospector.

The man who has brought prosperity to the arid region is Dr. James Thorburn Williamson, who is well on the way to becoming the world's richest man. He is a geologist, the son of a Canadian lumber-jack, who worked on a hunch that there must be diamonds in this area.

It cost him years of hard work, but in 1940 he struck lucky. Since then he has never looked back. Today his 'garden' has become—the Mwalid diamond mine.

Like most pioneers—he was called a "madman" in the early days when he was trying to locate the diamond 'pipe'. His funds ran low, he had only a tent as headquarters.

But the determination he showed in following up his hunch stood him in good stead once he started selling his diamonds. For the newcomers in the diamond market, he was used for 22 months to sell his stones to the powerful Diamond Corporation, which so far had had a near monopoly in diamond sales. He disagreed with his share in the earnings.

Stockpile

Instead he amassed a huge stockpile of the stones—valued at \$5,000,000—in his Tanganyika villa. At the end of the 22 months' period the agreement which bound him only to sell to the Corporation ended.

Since then Dr. Williamson has given a sharp boost to what is now Tanganyika's principal mineral export. How much of his record sales are from the stockpile, and how much from the current production, is anybody's guess. But experts reckon the future output of the Mwalid Mine should be around \$6,000,000 a year.

He is a simple life, a bachelor who lives in a bungalow and still spends a lot of time studying geology. Hundreds of women are flocking to his marriage, even sending specimens of their homemade cakes and needlework.

He first convinced people that he really had struck a vast fortune when he picked up a larger pink diamond than had ever before been discovered. This stone, cut and polished, was sent by Dr. Williamson to the Queen as a personal wedding gift. He valued it at \$150,000 but it is probably worth far more today.

Flourishing

Tanganyika has flourished at all levels since the Mwalid Mine came into existence. He insisted on high standards for the African workers. The mining area has one of Africa's most perfect villages from living standards.

He employs 6,000 Africans whom he pays twice the normal rate with a house, clothes, blankets and food thrown in. Says Williamson: "This is the best way to check and beat the diamond thief. I don't have a police system. I don't need it when workers are contented."

He spent \$30,000 giving the Africans a hospital and a health service.

Hard work is still his motto. He puts in twelve and, sometimes 14 hours a day. And he believes that his Africans work harder than most of their kith and kin.

"A fair deal always brings the right results," he says. And Tanganyika is getting a very fair deal from the man who found riches beneath his 2,500 acres 'garden'.

Stalin and the marzipan Nazis

A BIZARRE EPISODE OF THE
WAR IS NOW MADE PUBLIC BY
A MAN WHO SAW IT HAPPEN
... THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN
MOSCOW AND HITLER'S GENERALS

by ROBERT BLAKE

IT is well known that, after the fall of Stalingrad in January 1943, the Russians endeavoured—apparently with some success—to enlist a group of captured German officers to work for the Communist cause. But so far few reliable details of this episode have reached the West.

New Count Heinrich von Einsiedel, a young Luftwaffe pilot shot down at the end of 1942, gives us the first authentic account of what happened. His book is often incoherent and confused, his opinions are naive, but his narrative has the stamp of truth. It throws a strange and fascinating light upon a mysterious corner of war-time history.

Von Einsiedel is a great-grandson of Bismarck. His ancestry at once interested the Russians. He was persuaded to write a propaganda leaflet reminding the Germans of Bismarck's warning against a war with Russia.

This action made him one of the "favoured" prisoners, and he worked as a Communist proselytiser first in prisoner-of-war camps in Russia, later in the Eastern Zone of Germany until disillusioned and disgusted, he crossed to the West in 1949.

Butter, caviare

IN any account of events behind the Iron Curtain one expects a story of fanaticism, corruption, incompetence, and barbarism. What is perhaps less familiar is the total arbitrariness of Stalin's oriental tyranny.

The war in Russia was, unlike the war in the West, an ideological struggle, a religious war of extermination fought between two equally odious forms of totalitarianism.

It might therefore be expected that the German commanders, guilty of almost every conceivable atrocity, would have received short shrift from their equally ferocious captors—summary execution or, at best, slow starvation in Siberia. But no, Von Einsiedel, recovering from a fever, was astonished to gaze at the captured generals from Stalingrad arriving in his camp. There they stood, "laughing loudly and gesticulating with glittering

* The Shadow of Stalingrad (Allen Wingate, 15s.).

medals and monocles, with fur coats and walking sticks" contrasting sharply with the emaciated soldiers who had to carry their laden suitcases to their rooms.

Conveyed in luxurious sleepers, fed on butter and caviare, and "fate," he attributed this interesting fact to his relationship with the philosopher, Kant. He ended by describing the agreements signed by the committee with Stalin as "agreements, signed with God."

By now most members of the Committee had lost the will to restrain their laughter. They returned in time for a lavish banquet.

Tables were loaded with vodka and caviare sandwiches. General Petrol, the head of the prisoner-of-war organisation in Russia, came to welcome him but, overcome by drink, was unable to speak. The evening ended in singing and jollification.

And all this took place in a country devastated by war against a background of starving millions.

Wound up

IN May 1946 the Committee were suddenly wound up. They had presumably served whatever purpose the Russians had in mind.

That purpose still remains a mystery, but one thing is clear: the Western commentators who perceived a sinister threat in this strange alliance between the Prussian generals and Moscow were unduly alarmed.

The Committee possessed no power, and, although their members were treated with extraordinary liberality by the Russians, they never appear to have been trusted. The danger of a Russo-German alliance may be real, but if it ever comes into existence it will owe nothing to people like von Seydlitz.

The National Free German Committee was a farce through-out, though doubtless a farce which was far from agreeable either to the actors or the audience.

CHANCELLOR BUTLER, ARCHITECT OF RECOVERY

already calling him. Three years after his marriage in 1926 to Sydney Courtland, heiress of the great textile empire, he entered Parliament for Saffron Walden. A Tory seat he has held by comfortable majorities ever since.

So, in the age of the Common Man, "Rab" Butler can cool the wrinkles of the Commons with an Edwardian dignity that comes of an assured background of learning and conscientious public service. Tall, thin, pale and high-browed, he has the intellectual severity of the university High Table.

Mellow Autumn

Mr. Hugh Dalton, as Chancellor, had a glowing summer mood of indulgent self-confidence; Sir Stafford Cripps, a wintry one of austere wrestling with this vain world. Mr. Galsworthy's moods reminded the Commons of an incautious, too early Spring.

But Mr. Butler's are those of a kindly autumn, days mellow with a faint nip in the air.

Not for him the rumbustious returns of Mr. Churchill, the

cheerful knockabout stuff of Mr. Lennor Boyd, or the arch finger-wagging of Mr. Boyd Carpenter. Opponents are gently rebuked by Mr. Butler for their errors, not denounced amid Party catcalls. They are called into the House's study and gravely reminded of the school they belong to.

His last Budget speech was a brilliant performance. Unlike some previous Chancellors, he was not overawed by the gravity of the occasion—the ancient, battered morocco despatch case of a thousand secrets, the solemn, shiny top-hats, the packed, electrically-attentive benches.

He slipped through his speech with a delicacy, bestowing largesse here, skimming the consumer there. The only sign of tension he showed at controversial moments was to stand craning like an owl, curling a foot round his ear. "Wah, wah, wah," he said, "I have been like schoolboys given an unexpected holiday."

At that moment Mr. Butler achieved a triumph from which he has never looked back. He has become the architect of Britain's recovery—after making

a massive contribution to the Conservative victory in 1951. Whatever some back-bench critics may say of "milk-and-Butterism," he did more than anyone else to rescue his Party from disillusion after the resounding defeat of 1945.

New Toryism

He created the New Toryism, and he was the brain behind the Agricultural and Industrial Charter and the National Free German Committee—already rising significantly, to power on the Treasury Bench—to coin slogans like "a properly-ordered democracy," while in electoral warfare the progressiveness of the 1944 Education Act was underlined. It is significant, too, that alone in the legislation of recent years, this Act is known at Westminster as the Butler Act.

Mr. Butler, much to the Left of Sir Waldron Smithers, has preached the virtues of moderation and, like most preachers, has not been afraid to his own eyes at the back-bench "robber" of his own Party and the most powerful voices in the City.

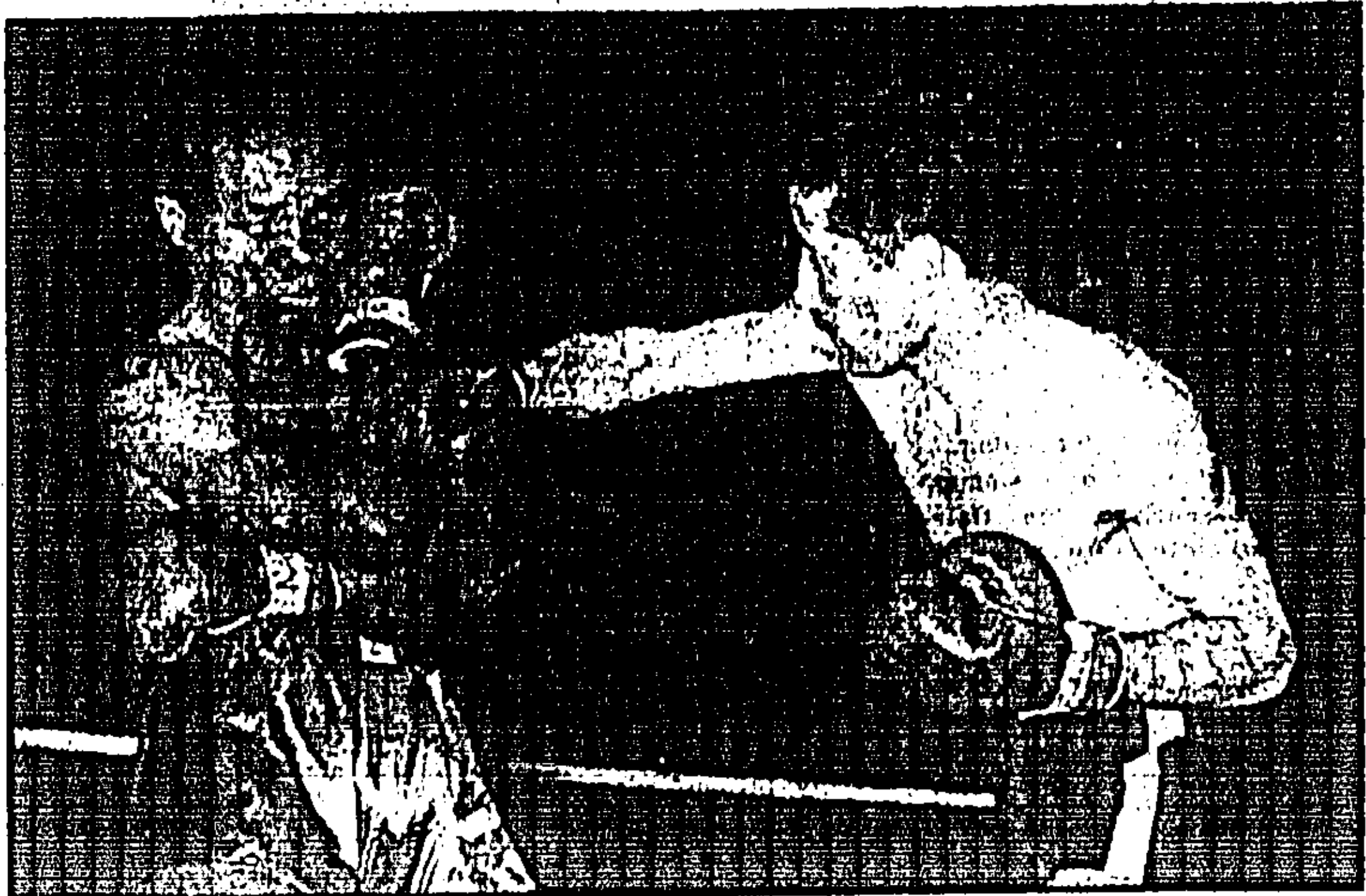
Nevertheless, he remains under the strongest pressure from industrial interests. If his Budget should disappoint them, Labour expects a Tory director's office on the "milk-and-Butterism" head. Mr. Butler, though, is not afraid of unpopularity. 34 years ago as Foreign Under-Secretary, he was courageously defeated in the House of Commons.

Sharp-tongued Mrs. Barbara Castle, Bevanite MP for Black-castle East, has said that Mr. Butler and Mr. Butler are watching each other for the succession to the Tory leadership and that Butler is one of the most bitter and determined of political combatants.

"Tony" and "Rab" Butler are deprecatingly at this. Sir Evelyn Baring, 1st Baron Baring, remarked that Mr. Butler has gained a stature and authority in the last 12 months comparable only to that which Sir Stafford Cripps achieved in his power. The Party's successful claim for Party leadership has been made.

Cecil Porter

HOGAN BASSEY COVERS UP



Hogan Bassey (Nigeria) covers up during an attack by Emil Chemama (France) during their fight at Earls Court on March 25. Bassey retired with a suspected thumb injury. — Central Press Photo.

Blarney Stone's Big Objective Is The Ascot Gold Cup

Says JAMES PARK

Epsom trainer Victor Smyth is looking forward to the Gold Cup at Ascot (June 18) with reasonable expectations for four-year-old Blarney Stone. I remarked to Vic Smyth, "Blarney Stone surprised me when beating Kingsford in the Jockey Club Cup." "He didn't surprise me," was the reply, "and if only I had known he was a 25-1 chance I should have had a nice bet."

Let us have a good look at him, said Smyth when we got to Blarney Stone's box. Out he came and showed himself to be full of life.

While not a big one there is rather more of the colt than my memory of him as a three-year-

old had led me to believe. Which means that the handsome chestnut has wintered extremely well. He is so straight in condition that he could be ready to run in a month.

He will make a first appearance of the season in a condition race at Newbury over a mile and a half. There will be a few other races to follow before the Gold Cup, which is the main objective.

Historic was a dead stayer with whom Vic Smyth won many long-distance races. The trainer regards Blarney Stone as representing better class than his sire.

ENTHUSIASM

We got talking about the probable strength of the opposition in the Gold Cup, and I found myself sharing the trainer's enthusiasm.

A colt who can make the running for two miles at Newmarket, lose the lead and then come again to win can only be regarded as possessing an abundance of stamina to say nothing of luck.

Whatever his fate in the Gold Cup, Blarney Stone will not fail for the essential qualities. He has been carefully handled and will undoubtedly prove his true worth as a four-year-old.

There is a three-year-old maiden in the stable who might

be something more than a rough outsider for the Derby. His name is Eastern Venture. It was midway through the season when Eastern Venture became an inmate of Vic Smyth's stable. The colt ran three times and the only occasion on which he carried stable confidence was at Newbury in the autumn. He had to make his own running in the heavy going and was caught in the last few strides.

IMPROVED

Eastern Venture has improved tremendously in appearance. He is a good topped colt with a bold head and a sensible outlook on life. He will hold his own for looks in any company and being by Marjays out of a Hyperion mare there should not be any doubt about his stamina. Whether he reaches the top class or not, he is sure to make a racehorse.

I rate Intuition the two-year-old star on looks. This tall, beautifully framed colt is a typical Nearco in colour and temperament. He wants to be on the go all the time and, with a view to settling him down we shall probably see him on the racecourse before long.

He will take the eye in the paddock and there is no reason why he should not be as good as he looks. If he is he will make a name for himself.

A different type is Eastern Legend, a chestnut Hyperion colt out of Estrella. He cost £500 guineas as a yearling and may prove to be worth the money.

A quiet sober colt, Eastern Legend is strongly built with good bone and of excellent quality. I put him second in the order of merit.

Vic Smyth has what might be termed a mixed lot of two-year-olds. There are a few of the sharp and early type already marked down by the trainer as likely to win a selling race.

BY ALCYDON

A bit above that class are two by Migoll. Madeline is a dark grey like her sire, but the colt out of Golden Pheasant has not yet been named. The filly is neatly framed and the colt is of the wide quartered thick set type.

Ever Ready is the first Alcydon I have seen. Said the trainer: "If Alcydon can get more like that he will be a good stallion."

Other two-year-olds to note are Review, a Panorama filly from the Careless Nora family; Rocketta and Rokimos, who are by Rockefeller, Neckline, by Dentarius, and Trade Wind, by Nimbus.

The five-year-old Absolve looks better than ever, and Tropical is sure to show in advance of two-year-old form.

Pont Cordomier, showing no signs of a winter's jumping, will probably open the stable's winning account at Lincoln. There are possibilities in the sturdy Dark Caprice, who proved ability last year, but, having been turned out, she is more backward than Blue Mosque.

An adept at placing his horses, Vic Smyth will have a successful season. — (London Express Staff)

Gordon Will Still Be The Champion

Says J. W. TAYLOR

When Champion Jockey Gordon Richards had a blank day at the opening of the flat racing season at Lincoln, the wisecracker of the Ring fell to cogitating on the subject of the future champion jockey.

Their discussions were disturbed somewhat when Gordon started the second day's proceedings with a win over the odds-on favourite after one of his inimitable breakaways at the gate whilst the other horses were still on three legs.

It can be taken as certain that for several years yet, or until he voluntarily retires, maybe to set up a modest training establishment, Gordon will remain The Champion.

His riding at this early stage of the season lacked none of the fire and power associated with his brilliant riding last season when he had a total of 231 winners.

At Lincoln, fresh and bronzed from his usual wintering abroad, Gordon looked the picture of health and physical fitness, much more so than his big race mount who "died on him" at the halfway stage after an advantageous lead following the usual opening cavalry charge by the 41 starters, led home by the Yorkshire-trained Sailing Light, a typical "Lincoln" sprinter.

There doesn't at the moment seem to be a serious challenger to the Champion's supremacy, although a retired Gordon may find his successor amongst the young rather than the old school.

Lester Pigott, the boy wonder, is quite a likely candidate. Only weight trouble may stop him. Still 17, tall for a jockey and this year up in weight by 2lbs to 7st 10lbs, he has to avoid those wasting bouts which are not conducive to championship form.

Gordon's average of 8 stones is about the ideal for a jockey, and a normal, life without weight problems may let his remarkable strength and stamina unimpeded. Jockeys like Gosling, Rickaby and Smilke often have to go without proper sustenance for several periods so as to continue their careers in the saddle.

Without weight problems, Pigott, a born jockey and an ice-cool tactician, is a certain champion jockey, but it may well be that Doug Smith, the younger of the two famous "Manny" riders, or brilliant "Manny" Mercer may for a while

23 Final Acceptors For Victoria Cup

London, Apr. 8. There are 23 final acceptors for the Victoria Cup, to be run over seven furlongs at Hurst Park on Saturday, April 18. They are, with weights:

Fastnet Rock, 9 stone 7 pounds (including four pounds extra); Set Fair, 9/2; Aristophanes, nine stone; Monarchmore and Tip the Bottle, each 8 stone 12 pounds; Brunette, 8 stone 10 pounds; Kiss Kringle, each 8/8; Drumbarlie and Orgoglio, each 8/7; Caerlaverock, 8/5; Globe of Light, 8/2; Chivalry and Monty, each eight stone; Choir Boy, 7/13; Capsize, 7/11; Trinidad, 7/10; Dark Millionaire, 7/8; Dolaninourt, 7/6; Bobby, 7/5; Meteorite, 6/10.

There are 17 final acceptors for the Great Metropolitan Handicap, to be run over two miles two furlongs at Epsom on Tuesday, April 21. They are, with weights:

Barnacle, 9 stone 5 pounds; Absolve and Napoli, Bonaparte, each 9/3; Fair Scot, 9/2; Wild Vic, nine stone; The Master Coffer, Phil Der the Third and Penelope, each 8/11; Father Thimble and Bold Admiral, each 8/9; Noroc, 8/8; Silver Light, 8/2; Mac Gin, 7/13; Harrowhill, 7/10 (including six pounds extra); Misty Light, 7/11; Saturn, 7/8; Lizard Bay, seven

DORSETS SWAMP A POST OFFICE BOX—27 ENTRIES SO FAR FOR PENTATHLON

By "RECORDER"

The Hon. Secretary/Treasurer of the Hongkong Hockey Association, Mr Fred Tingay, is getting worried. Twenty-seven entries for the Colony Open Pentathlon Championships is not too great a number, but it is well over the figure expected. The Dorsetshire Regiment has moved in.

None of the six entries from the Dorsets are also-ranish. In fact, the Regiment may, with a bit of luck, figure very prominently among the medal-winners. But the size of the entry all round is worrying Mr Tingay and he now approaches PO Box 280 with some trepidation.

The ground to be used is the University ground at Pokfulam, which boasts the best jumping pit in the Colony, but it boasts only one pit. A minimum of 27 men and women are going to jump into it over a bar and they will later repeat the procedure from a take-off board. Can the HKAAA handle 27 people in five events in the course of an afternoon? The answer is yes. The worrying part is whether they can handle 34. There are two more things before entries close.

One decision has been arrived at. Contrary to the practice adopted in the HKAAC Pentathlon, the men's 440 Yards (not 400 Metres) will be the opening event.

The men will be divided into a minimum of two groups. The earlier group will move into the High Jump 20 minutes after their 440 Yards run and the later group or groups will move into the Shot Put, it being agreed that they will have had less time to recover from their "quarter."

The 440 Yards takes place at 2.15 p.m., with a minute or two between each heat of run-

ners. At 2.35 p.m. one group goes into the High Jump and the remaining group or groups into the Shot Put.

The third event does not come until 3.20 p.m. The first group will then move into the Shot Put, the second into the High Jump.

At 4.15 p.m. the first group moves into the Long Jump and the second group into the Javelin. At 5.00 p.m. the two groups move over into the Javelin and Long Jump respectively.

The girls start at 2.15 p.m. with the High Jump. At 2.50 p.m. they have the Javelin Throw, at 3.30 p.m. the 100 Yards, at 4 p.m. the Shot Put and at 4.40 p.m. the Long Jump.

As far as the men are concerned, they would be well advised to take the 440 Yards easily and concede points. A concession of two seconds below their best will only lose 10 points but will save their legs for the other events.

MORE ENTRIES

The following are the new entries.

Lt. G. B. Milgott, of the Dorsetshire Regiment, the runner-up in the Colony High Jump Championship, can run a fastish 440 Yards and has the build for good points in the other three events.

Lt. Crane, also of the Dorsets, is one of the Army's fastest sprinters and should be good for a high score in the 440 Yards and the Long Jump.

For Davey, also of the Dorsets, is one of the Colony's best hurdlers and is good for the 440 Yards and the jumps. He won't have to score 400 much in the weight events to be well in the running.

Sgt. Neville Hughes of the Welsh Regiment and the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club has the Colony Champion and record-holder in the Javelin.

SHEK-O GOLF

The finalists in the recent Match Play Championship met again on March 25, with Donn reversing the position and beating Vaughan 4 and 2. Donn's early lead of 4 up was reduced to 1 at the 12th, when Vaughan again fell away, and Donn continued to play steadily to win.

The February-March Electric Competition was won by P.R.E. Arnold with Brig. R. D. Bolton as Runner Up.

The results of the March Medal and Bogey competitions were as follows:

Medal Winner—J. D. Clague (68-8) 60. A. Lyle (73-12) 61, and Lt. Colonel J. D. Adams (85-24) 61 tied for second place. Bogey Winners—J. D. Clague, 3 up, and A. Lyle, 3 up, tied for first place.

Members are reminded of the Four-Ball Better Ball Against Bogey Competition to be held on the morning of April 26. Entries should be made in pairs, and there will be a draw for each four-ball on April 25.

The results of the Electric Competition played at Shek-O over the Easter Holidays were as follows:

Winner: Mrs. E. Boycott (70-28) 48; runner up, J. B. Byington (61-12) 49.

CLUB V SERVICES

There will be a Club v Services match on Sunday, April 12, at which the Club will be represented by—J. D. Clague (5), A. G. Donn (6), R. J. Newton (8), Sir John Kinloch (9), A. Lyle (9), E. W. McGregor (9), H. G. Barnham (11), J. O'Donnell (18). Singles will be played in the morning, and four-balls in the afternoon.

GETTING READY



Busily engaged in practice is England and Middlesex player, Denis Compton, who hopes to regain the form that once made him an automatic choice for England.

With Australia here soon, he was pictured at the Middlesex CCC Indoor School, Alexandra Park. At the wicket is brother Leslie, who is not only a famous foot-baller, as was Denis, but Middlesex wicket-keeper.—Central Press Photo.

Lawn Bowls Association's Annual Meeting

A healthy financial position for the past year was reported by the outgoing President, Mr S. J. Pollock, at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association held yesterday.

Mr Pollock said that the standard of Lawn Bowls in the Colony was as good, if not better, than in any other part of the world.

The President, who was assisted by the Hon. Secretary, Mr U. A. Rumlahn, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr J. G. Meyer, said that one outstanding feature of the local competitions was the keen and friendly spirit in which they were carried out.

Hongkong won the Esplanade Cup for the second time in succession, Mr Pollock said, and he extended congratulations to Mr John Tindall and his team.

Mr Pollock recalled the death of Mr R. P. Phillips which occurred early this year. Mr Phillips, he said, was President of the Association in 1948 and "could best be described as the Gentleman Bowler." He had done much to revive the Association after the war.

EMPIRE GAMES

The outgoing President revealed that Hongkong had been invited to send representatives from various sports organisations, including a Lawn Bowls team, to participate in the Empire Games to be held in Vancouver next year. He felt confident that if the Association decided to send a Lawn Bowls team they would do extremely well.

An appeal to all Lawn Bowlers to turn out at League games attired in white was made by Mr Pollock. There were a number of bowlers last year who appeared on the greens in "Hawaiian shirts," and he felt that such attire was out of place on a lawn bowls green. In most parts of the world, lawn bowlers, during competitive games, were attired according to the wishes of their Associations.

Mr Pollock thanked the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer for their hard work and the Management Committee for their able assistance rendered during the past year.

NEW OFFICERS

The following were the officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr J. E. Noronha; Vice-President, Mr M. M. Rakusen; Hon. Secretary, Mr M. B. Hassan; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr U. A. Rumlahn; Hon. Treasurer, Mr J. G. Meyer; Hon. Auditor, Mr F. J. M. da Silva. Mr Pollock, the Association's present representative to the Amateur Sports Federation and

Olympic Committee of Hongkong, was re-elected to continue in that capacity for the coming Federation year.

Before the meeting began yesterday, all Members present rose and paid a silent tribute to the memory of Her late Majesty Queen Mary.

Every Time He Wins It's A World Record

Leicester, Apr. 8.

A sallow faced little man, crouching so low in the saddle that his knees were almost level with his mouth, flashed past the finish on two more winners on Wednesday to set two more world's records for winning jockeys.

His victories on Wednesday afternoon were his 633rd and 634th.

Every time Richards rides a winner, it is a new world mark. Leicester is favoured ground for the tiny, master jockey. It was also here that he passed Fred Archer's mark of 2,749 winners to first break a world record.

Wednesday's racing was his first after an impressive 12-off. A racing horse recently threw up his head and neck and caught Richards' mouth in the face, smashing up an eye and his mouth. The injury forced Richards off the track for one of the few periods in his great career.

Only Johnny Longden, the veteran English-born jockey, now riding in the United States, is even in a class with Richards. And Longden lags behind him, and 600 winners behind, his close friend—Associated Press.

THE GAMBOLS



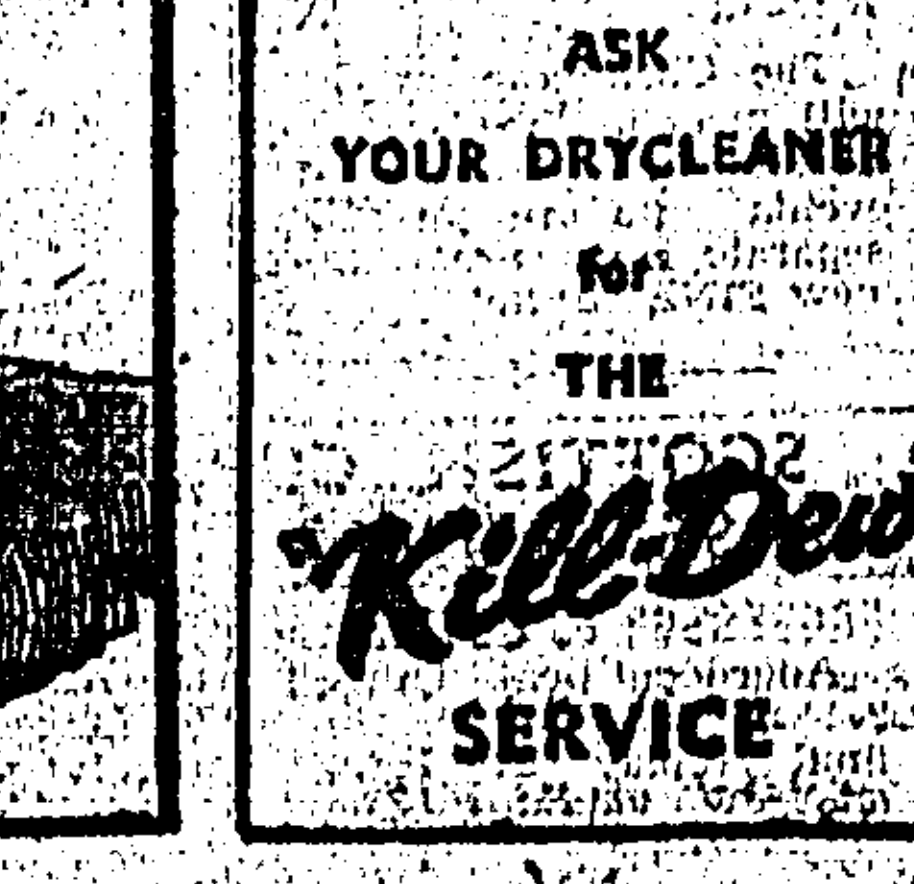
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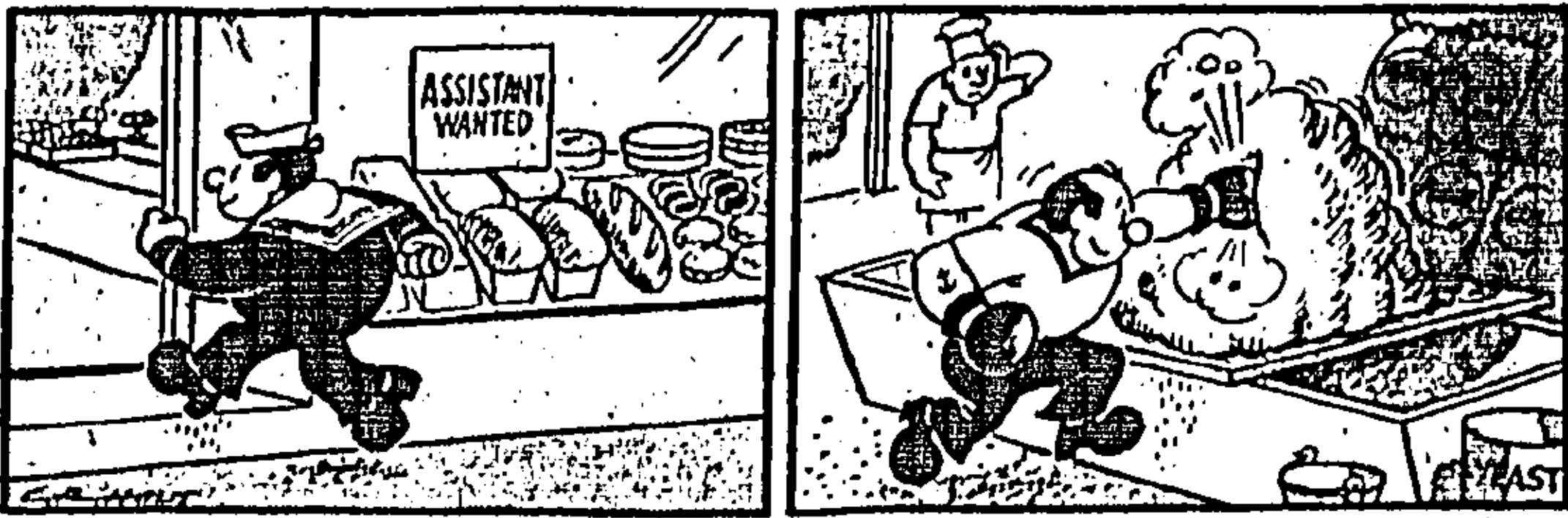


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THE SPORTS ROUND-UP

Jake Tuli Offers Shirai All The Purse Money For A Title Fight

Jim Wicks, manager of Empire Flyweight Champion Jake Tuli, is making all-out attempts to get the little Zulu a chance of a world title fight. His latest move is to offer to fight present holder Yoshio Shirai, giving the Japanese all the purse money.

"To cover expenses," adds Mr. Wicks "I stipulate a side bet of £200 or £1,000. Of course, if Jake doesn't win I lose the expenses and the side bet. But I don't think he'll let me down. He's as keen on the fight as I am."

RECORD ATTEMPTS

The British Amateur Athletic Board are to stage two attempts on existing world records at the White City on August 1 during the international match between Great Britain and France. The attempts will be on the 4 x 1 mile men's relay for which the world record is 16 min. 42 sec. held by the Gavel Idrottsforening club of Sweden, whose team included Ingvar Eriksson, Olof Aberg and Gosta Bergqvist, and the 3 x 800 yards women's relay of 7 min. 0.6 sec. held by Ilford Athletic Club.

The AAA team for the men's event is likely to be Roger Bamister, Bill Nankeville, Chris Chutaway and Len Eyre. Their best times aggregate eight seconds inside the world record.

ARBITRATION ASKED

The Footballers' Players Union, have asked the Government to arbitrate in their dispute with the Football League and Football Association.

SWIMMING ASSOCIATION MEETING

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association it was unanimously decided to request Mr. A. de O. Sales to withdraw his resignation from the Presidency, and Mr. Sales has signified his intention of remaining in office.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the VRC on Tuesday, April 21.

In connection with the elections to be held, the Executive Committee have made recommendations to the Council, but this will not affect further nominations from the floor.

It is the intention of the HKASA to place an order for FINA handbooks, to be sold to Clubs.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee the following were elected to the Championship Committee:

Chairman, Mr. Chi-man; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Van Vliet; Committee, Messrs. Chan Kam-fai, C. K. Koo, Wong Shu-eh, Leung Wai-sang, Chan Chun-nam and Major F. A. I. Baldwin.

Clubs who are not yet in possession of the Olympic Report should contact the Hon. Secretary of the HKASA. Clubs are invited to offer suggestions for a seven-day series of aquatic carnivals to be held for the purpose of raising funds for the forthcoming Asian Games.

It has been decided that the Breast and Butterfly strokes will be swum separately this year.

The Championship Committee will meet in the near future to decide how to bring these events into the programme as separate items, according to this new FINA ruling.

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL

London, Apr. 8. Aberdeen beat Thistle 2-1 in the Scottish Cup semi-final replay at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, today. —Reuter.

Their request follows a breakdown in negotiations over proposals put forward by the Government's Committee of Investigation.

The chief point is the Union's demand to increase the £3 per week starting wage for footballers at the age of 17 to £4, rising annually to a minimum of £4-10-0 at the age of 21.

DERBY ONLY

Neemah, who shared the two-year-old fillies championship last season with Bebe Grande, will run in the Derby only if the Aga Khan's French colt, Shikampur, fails to justify the confidence in him.

Marcus Marsh, Newmarket trainer, said last week, "Neemah will have her first race this season in the 1,000 Guineas. She will then go for the Oaks Trial Stakes at Lingfield before running in the Oaks or the Derby." Charlie Smirke will ride Neemah in all her engagements.

VETERANS' ANNUAL

Plans have been made for an annual international golf match between the senior teaching professionals over the age of 50 of the United States and Britain. The tournament will be run on the same lines as the Ryder Cup.

JUGGLER SUPREME

World title fights are rare events these days. This makes the contestants all the more precious. For the middleweight bout at the White City, on June 9, promoter Jack

Three Changes In Scotland's Wembley Team

Glasgow, Apr. 8. Scotland's team to meet England in an international soccer match at Wembley on April 18 shows three changes from the side which drew with Ireland last November.

One new cap is included in Cowie of Dundee who replaces Aitken at left-half.

Docherty of Preston comes in at right-half for Scouler, while Johnston of Hibernian is preferred to Arsenal's Logie at inside-right.

Johnston was one of the successors in the Scottish League team which beat the Football League last month.

ADHERED TO POLICY In spite of the victory the selectors have adhered to their policy of drawing freely from Scottish players in English League football and the team includes five such men.

With this vital matching deciding the Home International Championship, the selectors have evidently taken experience into consideration.

Farm, the goalkeeper, will be making the first of two appearances at Wembley within a fortnight, on May 2 his club Blackpool meet Bolton in the Football Association Cup Final.

The Team: Farm (Blackpool); Young (Rangers), Cox (Rangers), Docherty (Preston), Brennan (Newcastle), Cowie (Dundee), Wright (Sunderland) Johnston (Hibernian), Reilly (Hibernian), Steel (Dundee), Laidell (Liverpool). —Reuter.

Solomons has insisted that neither Randolph Turpin or Charles Humez drives a car, or motor-cycle after dark, flies, fights, or rides horses.

"Why you no lock Humez in goal?" asked Gilbert Benaim, the French promoter, when told of these insurance policy stipulations.

Regarding the payment of the two fighters, Solomons has established himself as a financial juggler supreme. Turpin wanted 60 per cent of the purse, and Humez 50 per cent. Jack has satisfied them both—he pays the extra 10%.

ENOUGH FOR BROUGH

Louise Brough, winner of 11 post-war Wimbledon Championships, may have made her last appearance in the tournament.

This year she plans to play in a number of American tournaments but is unlikely to visit Britain.

She has said that at last she is beginning to feel the strain of ten years consecutive top class tennis.

If Miss Brough sticks to this decision, she will have ended on a glorious if not triumphant note, after a brilliant career in the title last year against Maureen Connolly will never be forgotten.

RECORD PLAN

Plans are being made for an attack on Sweden's 4 x 1500 world relay record. It is to be made at a floodlit athletic meeting at Leyton on May 7 in a race between the Achilles club team of Roger Bamister, Chris Chutaway, Peter R. Binson and David Law and a team representing the Amateur Athletic Association.

The Leyton track is the one on which his 1948 Olympic Games were held. After the games it was removed from Wembley and re-laid at Leyton.

Great men of the ring, both past and present, met in London recently for the occasion of the annual dinner of the Boxing Writers' Club dinner. Among those representing the old times were Bombardier Billy Wells, Kid Lewis, Matt Wells, and Len Harvey.

Randolph Turpin, Charles Humez and Sammy McCarthy, who was chosen the best young British boxer for 1952, carried the flag for the young brigade. Tommy Farr was also present. But no-one asked him which group he represented.

SIMS RETIRES Jim Sims, Middlesex leg-break bowler, who will be 49 in May, is unlikely to play any more county cricket. Since making his debut 24 years ago, he has rendered great service to Middlesex.

He captured 100 wickets in a season on eight occasions, and played for the East against the West at Kingston in 1949. He took all ten wickets for 80 runs.

He played against Australia, South Africa and India in England, and toured Australia and South Africa.

Sims, who has still a year of his playing contract to go, will assist in running the Middlesex Second XI and he will also co-operate with W. W. Hearne in coaching and training of young players.

MOTOR CYCLING

Walter Zeller, the German motor-cycling ace, is among the overseas riders who will compete in this year's Isle of Man Senior Tourist Trophy races.

He is to lead the German BMW team. As captain of this side, he succeeds Georg Meier, who won the event on a BMW machine in 1950 at the then record average speed of 82.34 m.p.h.

MALAYA WANTS THOMAS CUP COMPETITION TO BE PLAYED EVERY TWO YEARS

A proposal has been made by the Badminton Association of Malaya that the appropriate regulation for the International Thomas Cup Badminton Championship be altered to provide for the holding of the competition every two years instead of every three years.

This was announced in the latest issue of the Badminton Gazette, the official organ of the Badminton Association of England, which mentioned that this item will be discussed by the International Badminton Federation at its Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in London on July 1, 1953.

In support of this proposal, it was mentioned that the audited accounts for the inter-zone ties and the challenge tie played in Malaya last July have shown that the surplus, after defraying all general expenses, was more than sufficient to pay the total travelling expenses of all teams which travelled to Malaya.

The last Thomas Cup competition was held in 1951-1952 and the next series is due to begin at the end of 1954 under the existing regulations. It is doubtful, however, if the new proposal, even if adopted, will affect the date of the next competition in view of the time element.

The Challenge Tie will still be played in the holder's country in Malaya, despite the recent proposal that after one successful defence, the next Challenge Tie should not take place in the country of the Champion nation.

Due to lack of views on the proposal among member nations, the BIF had agreed at its last

LADIES' COMPETITION

Another subject that will be discussed at the forthcoming Extraordinary General Meeting of the BIF will be the proposal of the New Zealand Badminton Federation that an international ladies' championship be instituted.

It is generally realised that the holding of an international ladies' championship on lines identical with the Thomas Cup competition would be financially impracticable.

The New Zealand Badminton Federation have, however, suggested that after the first competition, which would have to be played on Thomas Cup lines, any future contest should be run in such a way as to allow any nation to challenge the holder in the latter's country during the course of any season desired.

The effect of this would be that the expense of travelling would be wholly the responsibility of the challenging nation, but, of course, such a nation would receive the greater portion of the gate receipts.

No set of proposed regulations have been drawn up as to the constitution of a team, but it is understood that a maximum of four ladies should constitute a team.

Indonesians To Play Three Matches Here

At a meeting of the Inter-port Sub-Committee of the HKFA held at the offices of the Association yesterday, three dates were fixed for the Indonesian series of matches, all to be played at the Club Ground, Happy Valley.

The games are: Indonesia versus All-HK at 5 p.m. on April 25; versus a HK Selection at 6 p.m. on April 26; and versus Combined Chinese at 6 p.m. on April 27.

Discussed at the meeting was the offer of the Partizan Team of Yugoslavia to come and play here about next Chinese New Year, which had to be refused as the Kodji team will be here. Manila's offer of a visiting team to come here next month was also refused because of a full itinerary.

SWEDISH OFFER

An offer from Sweden to send their champion team to play here in November is under consideration.

This offer entails a payment of \$60,000 to the Swedish team. An offer of \$23,000 will be made by the HKFA.

Also discussed was the proposal put forward by Macao and Manila to have some reserves on the sidelines in interport matches who could go on to replace injured players.

One opinion was that this system was open to abuse, and after the subject had been discussed at length it was referred to the full Committee on Monday.

A final suggestion was put forward to have a regular derby in attendance at important matches.

HKCC GREEN OPENING

Weather permitting, the Bowls Green of the HKCC will be officially opened on Saturday, April 11, at 3 p.m.

Rinks will be arranged and spoons presented to the rink with the highest score. All members interested are requested to attend.

EX-POW TRAINS CUP FINALISTS FOR THIRD TIME

Whilst deliciously happy Blackpool players bathed off the mud of their victorious Tottenham FA Cup semi-final battle, at Villa Park, Johnny Lynas, their tactician Bothwell-born Scotch trainer and ex-RAMC Jap prisoner-of-war, permitted himself one of his rare smiles.

He was entitled to, for the coming Blackpool third Cup-final appearance in the last five years seals his personal triumph over a persistently recurring long run of serious team injuries which has dogged the Seaside's club.

This former Scottish junior international is no ordinary sponge and run-down trainer. He studied for his physiotherapy examinations, which he passed with honours, whilst still playing for Sunderland and Thirlanark, and since 1945 has been practising at Bloxwich Road his own post-war training methods and post-match treatment which soon heightened the fitness and stamina of the Blackpool boys.

Johnny aims at a 90-minute side "with a spurt at the death".

Surprise Move By Melbourne City Council

Sydney, Apr. 8. In a surprise move today, the Melbourne City Council decided to send a special representative to Mexico City on April 17 to substantiate Melbourne's claims to the 1956 Olympic Games.

The representative will be Victorian Health Minister W. Barry, who will leave Sydney by air next Monday to attend the international Olympic Committee meeting in Mexico City.

Normally, only the Chairman of the Games Control Committee, Mr. A. W. Coles, and the senior Australian representative on the IOC, Mr. Hugh Weir, would have attended the meeting.

The Victorian State Cabinet has approved Mr. Barry's trip, the cost of which will be covered by a group of Melbourne businessmen responsible for the original move to have the Games allotted to Melbourne.

GERMAN SUPPORT

Munich, Apr. 8. Dr. Karl Ritter, von Hilt, President of the West German National Olympic Committee, said today he is strongly in favour of the original plan to stage the 1956 Olympic Summer Games in Australia.

He said that Australian athletes had for many years gone to Olympics staged in various parts of the world and therefore "it is only fair to give them the chance to organise their own Olympics". —United Press.

British Professional Golfing Season Off To A Good Start

London, Apr. 8. The British professional golfing season got off to a good start today when the course record at Sonning, Berkshire, was equalled by several of the 50 professionals seeking to qualify for the Southern Section's 21st win in the finals of the Goodwin foursomes tournament to be decided at Sheffield in September.

Disappointment was caused by the scratching of international Jimmy Adams, who recently returned from Australia and whose form will be watched closely by Ryder Cup selectors.

Adams is suffering from a stiff neck.

An early leader over the standard scratch course of 72 was J. R. Jacobs whose 70 was soon bettered by two 69s from Scot Tom Halliburton and Ryder Cup international Sam King.

Each player will play another round tomorrow.

Other early scores: W. J. Cox 72, E. W. Ward 72, K. Bowfield 73, D. J. Rees 72, A. Lees 75. —Reuter.

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Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 17th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

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Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

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Keeping It Secret

Washington, Apr. 8. The Defense Department today banned public demonstrations of new weapons and military equipment. The Department said it took the decision "for reasons of economy and security" and because demonstrations "are not in the public interest at this time."—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
Consignees per Company's
m.v. "REINAM"
are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godowns, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Girdard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 11th April, 1953.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all claims remaining undelivered after 11th April, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned officers before 30th May, 1953, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Hongkong, 7th April, 1953.

TO ADVERTISERS

SUNDAY POST-HERALD
Space for commercial advertising should be booked not later than noon on Wednesdays.

For the SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST and the CHINA MAIL, 48 hours before date of publication.

Special Announcements and Classified Advertisements as usual.

AIRMAIL WRITING PADS, \$2

scribbling pads, three sizes, 30, 50

cents and \$1.00 "S. C. M. Post."

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In putting forward the suggestion, he said that under such a scheme a proportion of the direct taxation paid by shipowners would be credited each year in a special account and made available, with accrued interest, against the building of new tonnage, the credits not to be salable or transferable.

New York, Apr. 8.

Domestic sugar futures No. 6
closed unchanged to 4 higher.

May	2.89 bid
July	2.04
September	2.07
November	2.07 bid

World sugar futures No. 4
closed 2-1 higher.

May	3.23
July	3.27 bid
September	3.29
November	3.37 nominal
January	3.53
March	3.38
May	3.39
New sugar spot	1.40

Telephone, Homestake Mining, Dow Chemical, American Tobacco, Republic Steel, Standard Oil, U. S. Rubber, Sears Roebuck, Lockhead, and Radio Corp.

Western Union was the second largest company estimated to have lost a quarter of its first quarter income of about \$1,000,000.

London, Apr. 8.

The rubber market was irregular. Prices closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in bales, per lb.	49 1/2
June	49 1/2
July	49 1/2
January/September	49 1/2
December/February	49 1/2
January/March	49 1/2

TEN CENTS EACH

London, Apr. 8.

The rubber market was irregular. Prices closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in penes	107 1/2
per lb.	
June	109 1/2
July	109 1/2
August	109 1/2
September	109 1/2
October/December	109 1/2
January/March	109 1/2

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